

TYPES OF MODERN FANTASY

Modern Fantasy: Imagined stories that feature characters and events that could not exist in the real world.

Type	Definition	Characteristics
Animal Fantasy	An imagined story with animal characters who behave like people, and a setting that could not exist in the real world but seems real.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative structure with characters, plot, and setting • Imagined setting that seems real • Animals who behave like people • Characters who do not change or develop • Magical elements • Modeled on traditional literature <p>Often:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grounded in reality • Simple plot • Moral or lesson at the end • Themes that express folk wisdom or proverbs of a culture
Low Fantasy	An imagined story that features characters and events that could not exist in the real world. Features talking animals, toys, and dolls, characters who have magical powers or use magical objects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative structure with characters, plot, and setting • Imagined setting that seems real • Talking animals, toys, and dolls • Recurring motifs found in traditional literature (magical powers, transformations, magical objects, wishes, trickery) • Characters with magical powers or who use magical objects • Conflict between good and evil <p>Often:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set in medieval times • Characters with unusual traits (tiny, large, very strong) • Language similar to that in folktales • Reveals universal truths or lessons

Figure 8.4 Types of modern fantasy